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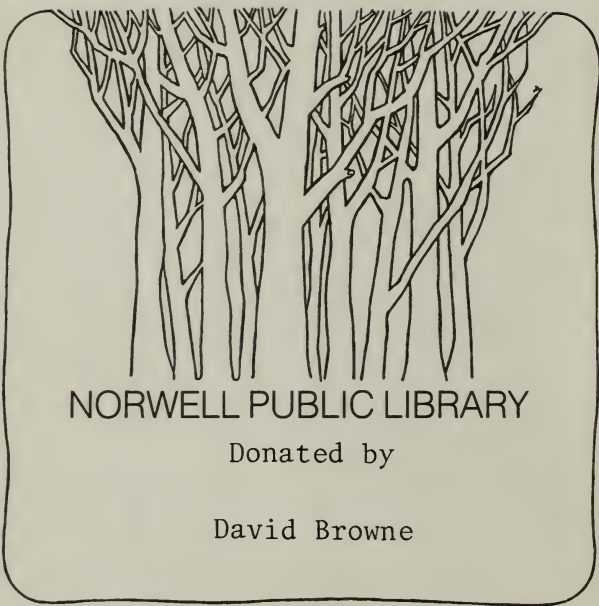
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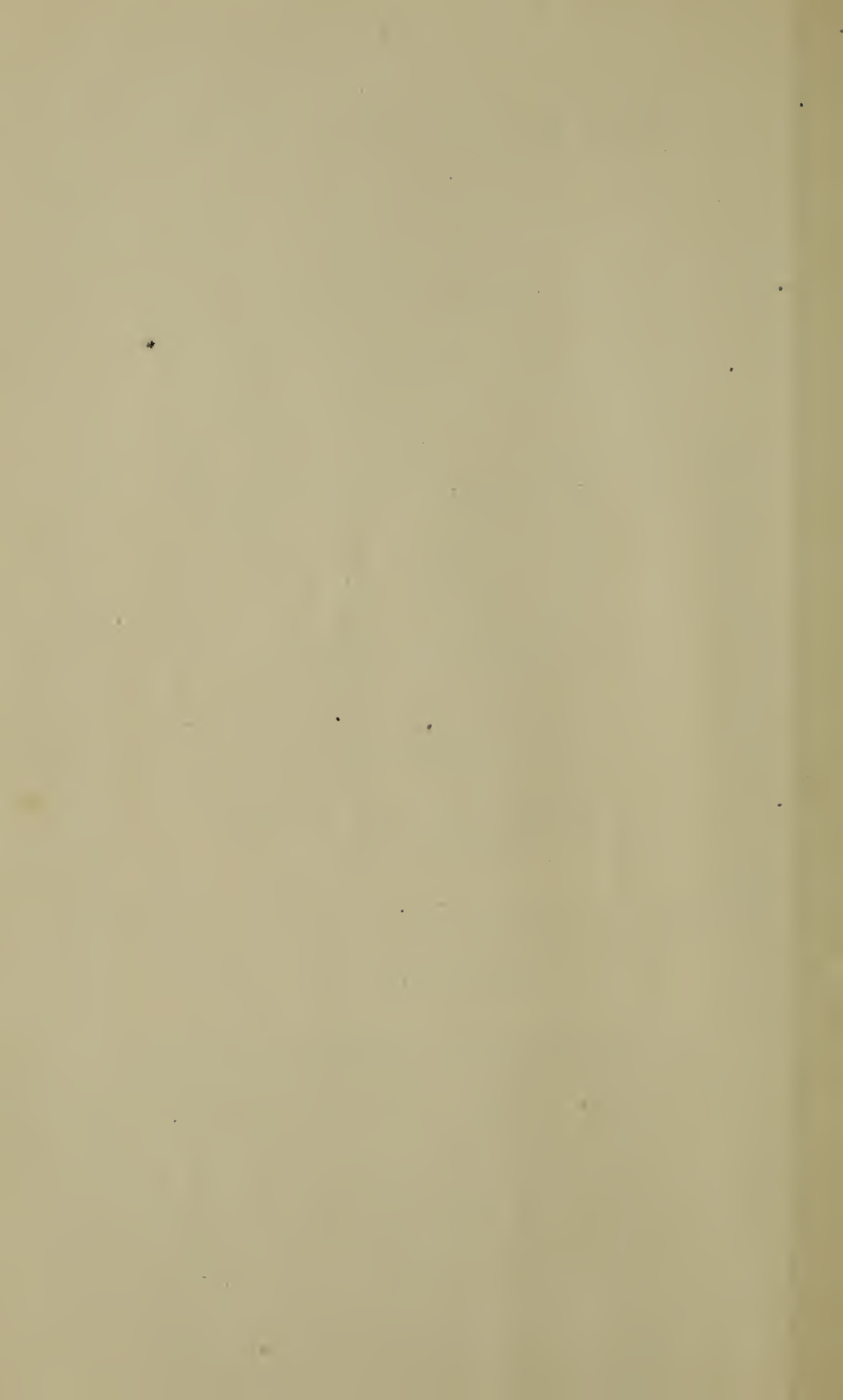
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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

TO THE VOTERS OF SOUTH SCITUATE:—

The Selectmen submit for your consideration the Thirty-second Annual Report, for the year ending January 1, 1882.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

There has been paid the past year for extra and ordinary repairs, \$2,308.79. The heavy storm of June last caused serious damage to many of our streets in town. In many places the gutters were closed up, thereby turning the water into the centre of the highway, and it is very important that Surveyors see that the water is kept as much as possible from the traveled part of our streets, as a heavy rain or thaw oftentimes moves gravel from the highway much faster than the Surveyor can replace it.

The town appropriated \$1,750 for repairs of our roads. No more has been paid out we think than was necessary to keep them in fair condition, yet the appropriation was not sufficient the past year. By vote of the town we have caused some of our streets to be cleared of wood and bushes, and have paid for the same \$87.49. There was also paid for repairs near the Half-way House \$131.97, and in other sections of the town much more than the ordinary amount allowed to each district. In District No. 2, near the house of Edwin Jacobs, the repairs as ordered by the Commissioners have been completed, at an expense of \$263.07.

During the past year the County Commissioners have, under petition of William Nason and others, widened Pond street, and the town will no doubt be called upon to work the same the present year. The Commissioners have also widened Winter,

Cross, and Parker streets, under petition of Alexander Totman and others, and the town will be called upon at its annual meeting for an appropriation to work the same.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

The cost for support of poor at the almshouse has been \$1,507.29. There have been more inmates than for many previous years, the average number being about 14, and the largest number at any one time, 17. There have been three deaths during the year, namely: a child of Rebecca Thompson, Elias S. Carr, and John K. Newcomb. The cost per week of inmates was about \$2.09 each.

The cost for support of out-door poor has been \$1,660.50. There has been received and is due from the State and towns on account of said relief, \$908.41, leaving the cost to the town, \$752.09.

By the will of Harriet S. Granderson (recently deceased), she gave to this town, after the payment of her just debts, all her estate, both real and personal, she having full confidence that the town would provide for her children, and at her request they have been removed to the almshouse. The will has been admitted to probate, executors appointed, and the estate appraised at \$1,675. You will be asked to take some action relative to the same at the next annual meeting.

Extra Repairs of Roads and Bridges.

(The most of the same being caused by the storm in June last.)

Paid Alexander Totman, labor, District 6	.	.	.	\$51 66
Isaac N. Fitts, labor, District 6	.	.	.	20 12
John Turner, labor, District 6	.	.	.	3 00
Seth O. Fitts, labor, District 6	.	.	.	19 95
Colman Ford, material, District 6	.	.	.	5 50
John Marks, labor, District 6	.	.	.	15 63
George A. Hatch, labor, District 6	.	.	.	1 33
Warren Jacobs, material	.	.	.	50
B. Mann, labor, District 6	.	.	.	1 33

Paid Arthur Turner and others, picking stones, District 6	\$3 35
Charles Williamson, labor, District 4	6 66
H. L. Studley, labor, District 4	1 25
Isaac Prouty, labor, District 3	4 75
A. S. Richardson, labor, District 3	24 00
Joshua Bowker, labor, Districts 1 and 5	9 50
Philip Foster, labor laying drain pipe, District 5	4 62

Total	\$173 15
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Paid R. P. Briggs for building section of road near E. Jacobs's	\$263 07
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Paid E. Gammon for cutting tree and for repairs of fence, District 2	\$2 00
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Paid R. P. Briggs for balance due for repairs of River street	\$34 40
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Paid A. Totman for balance due for repairs on River street, near the Unitarian church	\$25 00
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Expended on account of mowing bushes and cutting wood standing in the highways : —

Paid Gustavus Tolman, South Ward	\$2 67
Andrew Turner, South Ward	2 33
Philip Foster, South Ward	4 00
W. C. Tolman, South Ward	17 33
Waters B. Barker, South Ward	2 00
John Kehoe, South Ward	1 33
George Curtis, South Ward	2 00
Charles Simmons, South Ward	66
Alexander Totman, East Ward	15 75
John Marks, East Ward	15 96
C. Litchfield, East Ward	50
Hanscomb Ramsdell, East Ward	8 65

Paid Horace Griggs, East Ward	\$9 64
Arthur Merritt, East Ward	4 67

Total	\$87 49
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Paid for gravel in the several districts : —

District No. 1	\$12 44
District No. 3	26 89
District No. 4	12 25
District No. 6	9 52
District No. 7	17 26

Total	\$78 36
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Paid Israel Vining for removing snow; District 1	\$12 50
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Paid Waldo Brothers, drain pipe	\$54 73
D. W. Lewis, drain pipe	4 95

Total	\$59 68
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Extra repairs near Half-way House : —

Paid Samuel Loring, labor	\$16 62
W. W. Collamore, labor	11 64
E. Gardner, labor	25
H. N. Gardner, labor	50
C. Wilder, labor	3 75
I. Vining, labor	4 83
W. Simmons, labor	3 50
W. H. Farrar, labor	14 19
T. Stoddard, labor	15 00
C. Brewster, labor	27 69
C. Lincoln, labor	10 50
S. Bowker, labor	15 00
L. C. Bailey, labor	7 00
F. Whiting, labor	1 50

Total	\$131 97
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Ordinary Repairs of Highways.

Town appropriation \$1,500 00

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Appropriation \$164 25.

Paid Samuel Loring, labor	\$20 89
T. Stoddard, labor	6 00
C. Brewster, labor	2 91
S. C. Bowker, labor	16 58
C. Lincoln, labor	15 00
C. H. Lapham, labor	9 83
W. H. Farrar, labor	26 90
L. C. Bailey, labor	12 00
W. W. Collamore, labor	33 66
Curtis Brothers, labor	25 16
George Lapham, labor	75
E. Whiting, labor	75
Total	<u>\$170 43</u>

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Appropriation \$245 07.

Paid R. P. & W. S. Briggs, labor	\$58 00
Waldo Jones, labor	31 50
Barton Jacobs, labor	17 35
E. Brooks, labor	26 00
J. Bailey, labor	18 00
W. Hayden, labor	18 00
J. Gammon, labor	2 63
T. Stoddard, labor	3 25
—Wiman, labor	37
L. Damon, labor	1 50
S. Damon, labor	13 00
J. E. Gammon, labor	13 33
E. Gammon, labor	14 67

Paid A. Clapp, labor	\$9 33
J. Studley, labor	2 00
W. Studley, labor	75
J. G. Briggs, labor	75
G. Vain, labor	14 67
D. Damon, labor	2 83
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Total	\$247 93

DISTRICT No. 3.

Appropriation \$247 53.

Paid A. S. Richardson, labor	\$53 00
Walter Simmons, labor	10 50
W. R. Vinal, labor	13 56
H. Stoddard, labor	17 06
I. Prouty, labor	21 95
Thomas Kilburn, labor	5 99
E. L. Tower, labor	6 82
W. T. Richardson, labor	15 35
A. Stoddard, labor	21 95
E. Litchfield, labor	5 33
David Studley, labor	13 34
C. E. Damon, labor	1 33
W. Lincoln, labor	10 34
W. Morse, labor	4 17
A. L. Richardson, labor	19 00
A. D. Vinal, labor	21 84
A. Stockbridge, labor	2 58
Liba Litchfield, labor	25
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Total	\$244 36

DISTRICT No. 4.

Appropriation \$191 13.

Paid James L. Litchfield, labor	\$52 62
Albert Litchfield, labor	45 25

Paid William Briggs, labor	\$11 97
Harry J. Litchfield, labor	12 37
Alfred Briggs, labor	1 99
Nathaniel Ellms, labor	15 19
E. Jacobs, labor	1 12
R. Ellms, labor	9 97
Bela Brown, labor	9 31
Cushing Litchfield, labor	5 32
Elijah Litchfield, labor	3 32
John W. Hatch, labor	1 33
Elsworth Litchfield, labor	5 00
Waldo Litchfield, labor	1 88
Charles Williamson, labor	1 50
For sharpening tools	1 00
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Total	\$179 14

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Appropriation \$230 39.

Paid B. P. Foster, labor	\$53 01
Nathan Sylvester, labor	28 60
George Sylvester, labor	7 98
Sylvanus Clapp, labor	11 32
F. Sylvester, labor	2 66
Lewis Raymond, labor	7 32
William Sylvester, labor	29 72
Charles Berry, labor	5 20
Frank Talbot, labor	15 96
Joseph Ford, labor	11 31
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Total	\$173 08

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Appropriation \$174 06.

Paid Alexander Totman, labor	\$50 93
John Marks, labor	16 63

Paid Bertie Litchfield, labor	\$11 00
Frank Turner, labor	15 96
Thomas Monahon, labor	13 89
William Monahon, labor	2 50
W. Fitts, labor	3 00
John Turner, labor	30 47
Isaac N. Fitts, labor	13 30
L. C. Hatch, labor	10 08
James Spellman, labor	1 00
Jetson Hunt, labor	3 99
Arthur Hunt, labor	5 99
W. O. Merrit, labor	2 00
Francis Henderson, labor	2 00
John Henderson, labor	4 04
Edward R. Jacobs, labor	35
Frank Tilden, labor	67
Bertie Pincin, labor	25
Hanscomb Ramsdell, labor	7 98
Samuel Gardner, labor	9 31
John Monahon, labor	6 50
Philip Tilden, labor	1 33
William H. Danforth, labor	2 00
Frank Dana, labor	3 25
William Turner, labor	1 75
John Hatch, labor	50
George Hatch, labor	2 66
C. W. Pincin, labor	1 33
Frank Monahon, labor	45
Benjamin Nichols, labor	1 33
Colman Ford, labor	3 50
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Total	\$229 94

DISTRICT No. 7.

Appropriation \$247 55.

Expended for ordinary and extra repairs caused by the storm of June last.

Paid Charles Simmons, labor	\$85 51
W. K. Sylvester, labor	13 28
Wilber Gardner, labor	8 00
W. C. Tolman, labor	10 42
W. Tolman, labor	8 66
W. S. Simmons, labor	10 66
Charles Pratt, labor	14 21
Luther Howland, labor	4 25
Gilbert Currell, labor	1 33
Joel Munroe, labor	5 33
George Chamberlain, labor	7 34
Peter Hart, labor	14 99
Thomas C. Sampson, labor	7 00
Charles H. Merritt, labor	13 66
Elijah Barstow, labor	11 92
Luther Stetson, labor	8 34
Andrew Turner, labor	9 67
Gustavus Tolman, labor	15 76
Waters B. Barker, labor	12 96
Charles R. Curtis, labor	1 33
Everett E. Corthell, labor	1 33
John Corthell, labor	2 21
Matthew Stetson, labor	13 63
Josiah Stoddard, labor	10 33
William Rose, labor	4 66
Rogers Stetson, labor	6 00
F. Simmons, labor	8 00
Henry A. Turner, labor	11 08
George Curtis, labor	8 00
George P. Clapp, labor	5 20
E. Mann, labor	67
B. Stetson, labor	2 00
S. Barker, labor	3 67
Walter Barnard, labor	1 33
John Whitten, labor	1 33
George Gardner, labor	2 00
For use of scraper and lantern	95
Total	<u>\$347 01</u>

Ordinary Expenses of the Several School Districts

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid F. H. Curtis, labor and material	\$12 73
George Cowing :—	
Cash for cleaning school rooms	11 50
For repairs and incidentals	13 84
C. H. Totman, repairs	5 35
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Total	\$43 42

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid Ira B. Sanborn :—	
Cash for cleaning school rooms	\$11 00
For repairs	3 84
Joshua Bowker, stone posts	10 00
Edwin Jacobs, carting stone posts	1 50
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Total	\$26 34

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid C. A. Litchfield :—	
For cash paid for cleaning house	\$3 00
For repairs on school room and fence	4 50
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Total	\$7 50

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid Andrew J. Litchfield :—	
For cash paid for cleaning house	\$3 00
For repairs	3 99
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Total	\$6 99

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid David W. Turner :—

For cleaning house, 1880 and 1881	\$2 50
For repairs on house and fence	5 25
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Total	\$7 75

Paid E. T. Fogg, supplies to the several districts . .	\$15 11
New England School Furnishing Company, books and mats	194 75
Hall & Whiting, school books	117 07
D. Appleton, school books	3 24
W. Ware & Co., school books	8 10
Wright's Express	1 62
Z. N. Whitmarsh, school furniture	12 52
Boston Journal, advertisement	1 28
Cochrane & Sampson, school blanks	11 90
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Total	\$365 59
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Town Hall Account.

Paid to J. M. Healey, care of hall	\$4 50
S. C. Cudworth, wood	3 00
E. P. Welch & Son, lumber	5 23
C. W. Tilden, iron-work	4 00
E. T. Fogg, wax, nails, etc.	18 15
A. Merritt, wood	2 50
F. Higgins, labor	4 50
Seth Foster, wood	2 50
Levi Osborne, mason-work	30 14
F. W. Buck, care of hall	7 50
A. J. Waterman, stove pipe	16 50
D. Cushing, 2d, lumber, brick, and lime	28 83
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Total	\$127 35

Received of Weymouth Club	\$4 00
Cohasset Company	4 00
East Marshfield Club	4 00
East Pembroke Club	6 00
South Scituate Band	8 00
Comical Brown	4 00
Professor King	6 00
Comedy Company	4 00
Professor Center	3 50
Old Folks' concert	4 00
Y. V. Dramatic Club	28 00
Cantata Company	4 00
John Corthell	12 00
For sale of brick	1 35
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	\$92 85
Selectmen's order on Treasurer to balance	34 50
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Total	<u>\$127 35</u>

ANDREW J. LITCHFIELD,

Agent of Town Hall.

Town Officers and Committees.

Paid C. C. Turner, services as School Committee	\$20 00
Joseph T. Hartt, same services	30 00
Emily T. Jacobs, same services	48 00
S. S. Knapp, same services and writing school report	93 10
C. W. Sparrell, warning town meetings	15 00
E. T. Fogg, registering marriages, births and deaths	26 85
J. C. Nash, warning meetings, 1880 and 1881	8 00
George K. Cushing, as sealer of weights and measures	10 00
C. A. Litchfield, services as Selectman, As- sessor, and Overseer of the Poor, and writing report, from January 1, 1881, to March 7, 1881	24 00

Paid F. H. Curtis, services to March 7	\$14 25
H. A. Turner, services to March 7	15 75
C. A. Litchfield, services as Selectman, As- sessor, and Overseer of the Poor from March to January 1, 1882, and for cash paid railroad fares.	135 00
F. H. Curtis, same services	90 00
H. A. Turner, same services	86 25
C. W. Sparrell, returning deaths	9 50
E. T. Fogg, expenses as Town Clerk	4 56
Total	<u>\$630 26</u>

Ordinary Expenses of the Town.

Paid E. P. Welch & Son, lumber, 1880 and 1881 . .	\$53 67
Avery & Doten, printing	6 75
Knight, Adams & Co., blank books and stationery	18 90
Boston Herald, advertisement	1 50
Joseph Merritt, smith bill	17 66
Sabin & Page, harness for hearse	37 00
T. J. Studley, labor and material for express wagon	48 00
Town of Pembroke, one-fourth of expense of seeding ponds with alewives, as by law of 1881.	7 50
F. Higgins, wood-work	4 40
F. H. Miller, printing town reports	75 00
L. Sherman, labor and lumber at almshouse, 1879.	20 56
Seth Foster, paint and stock for almshouse . .	35 13
T. A. Lawrence, labor painting almshouse . .	58 50
E. T. Fogg, postage, stationery, etc.	5 02
S. Foster, express on school-house paint stock .	2 05
E. H. Bonney, coal, 1880	27 37
F. H. Miller, printing orders and transcripts .	8 00
J. T. Hartt, carting lumber and material, Districts 3, 4, 6, and 7	10 00

Paid O. C. R.R., freight	\$1 26
Luther J. Studley, mason-work	9 25
Seth Foster, supplies for use of hearse	6 00
Joseph Merritt, smith-work and new cart body	18 60
Winslow, Rand & Co., groceries, 1880	71 83
Brooklyn White Lead Company, paint stock for school-houses	36 56
Dexter Brothers, paint stock for school-houses	19 52
T. A. Lawrence, painting school-houses, Districts 3, 4, and 6	53 23
E. P. Welch & Son, lumber for repairs of school- houses	96 83
S. & D. W. Turner, labor on school-houses	37 06
R. P. Briggs, moving hearse-house	26 00
Total	<u>\$813 15</u>

Supplies to Almshouse.

Paid Winslow, Rand & Co., groceries	\$97 94
Joy & Bates, flour	30 67
Martin L. Hall & Co., groceries	38 86
E. A. Turner, dry goods and groceries	150 82
Thomas Tolman, dry goods and groceries	114 09
J. A. Torrey, soap	6 60
Seth Foster, hay, expressing, and supplies	70 96
Joseph H. Corthell, meat	101 46
A. W. Faxon, dry goods	9 49
H. C. Tower, flour	14 87
John Turner and others, wood	50 50
Skinner & Arnold, meat and butter	60 02
B. S. Snow and others, fish	6 65
Charles Kimball & Co., potatoes	6 20
Jonathan Hatch, meat	39 71
A. L. Damon, bread	18 35
C. A. Berry, pigs	6 00
S. W. Eastman, tin-ware	3 10
C. H. Litchfield, fish	20 07

Paid J. M. Healey, services as superintendent to April

1, 1881	\$62 50
F. M. Litchfield, coal	11 87
Culver, Phillips & Co., grain and coal	130 43
W. Richardson, meat and vegetables	18 36
E. T. Fogg, supplies	134 04
A. J. Bates, cow	25 00
Dighton Furnace Company, stove	11 50
C. A. Litchfield, cash paid for clothing	4 90
F. W. Buck, superintendent, 9 months	225 00
N. P. Brownell, medical attendance	51 00
Superintendent, supplies	20 05
George O. Torrey, dressing hogs, 1880 and 1881	6 50
C. W. Sparrell, coffin for child of R. Thompson	5 00
A. Totman, straw	1 85
Joseph Merritt, pasturing cow	4 00
C. W. Sparrell, coffin for John K. Newcomb	15 00

Total \$1,573 36

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

Received for meals and lodgings	\$19 77
Received from sale of calf	6 30
Received from sale of cow	40 00
Board, medic attendance, etc., of inmates	1,507 29

Total \$1,573 36

NAMES OF INMATES IN THE ALMSHOUSE, JANUARY 1, 1882, AND THE AGES OF EACH.

- Siba Briggs, aged 76 ; admitted 1858.
- Jefferson Damon, aged 64 ; admitted 1863.
- John Woodard, aged 83 ; admitted 1864.
- Mary Williams, aged 72 ; admitted 1875.
- John McCurdy, aged 70 ; admitted 1878.

Francis Birchmore, aged 86 ; admitted 1878.
 Charlotte Prince, aged 45 ; admitted 1880.
 George H. Prince, aged 7 ; admitted 1880.
 Mary E. Prince, aged 7 ; admitted 1880.
 George C. H. Litchfield, aged 6 ; admitted September, 1881.
 Philip B. Litchfield, aged 4 ; admitted September, 1881.
 Antoinette Williams, aged 37 ; admitted 1877.
 Mary Granderson, aged 51 ; admitted December, 1881.
 Harriet Granderson, aged 48 ; admitted December, 1881.
 Abigail Granderson, aged 42 ; admitted December, 1881.
 Rebecca Thompson, aged 26 ; admitted, 1880.

SUPPLIES FURNISHED OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid H. E. Forsaith, medical attendance to G. N.	
Wilder, 1880	\$47 50
City of Boston, aid to Joseph Harvey	5 44
Town of Pembroke, aid to E. B. Howland	5 00
Supplies to Mary Monahan and family	102 00
Supplies to Patrick Spellman and family	47 50
Dr. Brownell, medical attendance to W. H. Free-	
man :	4 00
Supplies to Susan Cromwell	43 00
Supplies to E. Gunderway	2 00
Supplies to A. N. Greene and family	5 00
Supplies to Benjamin Sprague	104 00
Supplies to Lucy F. Williamson	16 00
Supplies to Josiah Caldwell	44 60
Supplies to A. M. Beach and family	50 89
Dr. French, medical attendance to A. M. Beach	22 00
C. W. Sparrell, coffin for A. M. Beach	15 00
C. W. Sparrell, coffin for Arthur W. Beach	15 00
Supplies to Cornelius Curtis	13 48
Supplies to Henry Carter	3 00
Supplies to Albert Smith	5 07
Supplies to Mary F. Stetson and family	183 26
Board and medical attendance to Edmund Mann	40 00
Dr. Brownell, medical attendance to Elijah	
Beach	23 00

Paid Town of Rockland, aid to Mrs. Henry Litchfield and children	\$36 50
Supplies to family of Morris Gammon	52 46
Supplies to Andrew Greene and wife	46 50
Dr. Browneil, medical attendance to Luke G. Fitts	7 00
Supplies and medical attendance to Ann Barstow and family	147 25
Supplies to Thomas J. Perkins	6 00
Supplies to Henry Franks and family	119 12
Supplies to Harriet Beach	89 75
Supplies to J. T. Talbot, medical attendance, etc.	37 88
Supplies to Pheba Simpson	89 75
Thomas Mee, opening grave	3 00
Supplies to Jacob Talbot, medical attendance and burial	80 60
Supplies to E. M. Magoun and family	9 65
City of Taunton, allowance to A. T. Clapp and wife	138 30
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Total	\$1,660 50

RECEIVED AND DUE.

From Marshfield, supplies to Josiah Caldwell	\$44 60
Canton, allowance to Lucy F. Williamson	16 00
State, allowance to Cornelius Curtis	13 48
State, allowance to Henry Carter	3 00
Hanover, allowance to Albert Smith	5 07
Scituate, allowance to Mary F. Stetson and family	183 26
Scituate, allowance to Edmund Mann	40 00
Attleboro, allowance to Elijah Beach	23 00
State, allowance to Ann Barstow and family	147 25
Kingston, allowance to Thomas J. Perkins	6 00
Hingham, allowance to Henry Franks and family	119 12
State, allowance to John T. Talbot	37 88
Hingham, allowance to Pheba Simpson	89 75
West Bridgewater, allowance to Jacob Talbot	80 60

From Hingham, allowance to Harriet Beach . . .	\$89 75
Duxbury, allowance to E. M. Magoun . . .	9 65
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Total	\$908 41
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Distribution of State Aid.

PAID UNDER CHAPTER 301 OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR 1879.

George B. Hayden	\$54 00
Harriet Jacobs	48 00
Oliver Simmons	12 00
Betsey W. Sylvester	48 00
Joseph B. Goodrich	36 00
Louisa J. Hayden	48 00
Joseph E. Stoddard	48 00
Hannah W. Hayden	48 00
Thomas Mee	36 00
Mary Monahan	48 00
Charles D. Barnard	72 00
Seth O. Fitts	36 00
Hannah Dover	48 00
Mary Stoddard	16 00
John Lewis	72 00
Mary Spencer	48 00
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Total	\$718 00

The above will be re-imbursed by the Commonwealth.

PAID UNDER CHAPTER 252 OF THE ACTS OF 1879.

For board and medical attendance of N. P. Powell, one- half to be re-imbursed	\$19 00
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Abatement of Taxes.

F. B. Stoddard, taxes of 1877 and 1878 . . .	\$4 00
C. L. Stoddard, taxes of 1878 and 1879 . . .	5 68
Aaron Gardner, tax of 1877 . . .	2 00
George H. Damon, taxes of 1877 and 1879 . . .	3 68
George C. Stetson, tax of 1877 . . .	2 00
John Gammon, tax of 1878 . . .	2 00
Jesse C. Hayden, tax of 1878 . . .	2 00
E. L. Hyland, tax of 1878 . . .	2 00
Owen Sprague, taxes of 1878 and 1879 . . .	3 68
Charles F. Studley, tax of 1879 . . .	1 68
E. J. Stoddard, tax of 1878 . . .	2 00
Frank Stetson, tax of 1878 . . .	2 00.
A. C. Sylvester, taxes of 1878 and 1879 . . .	4 00
Charles F. Torrey, tax of 1878 . . .	2 00
Elias Carr, taxes of 1878 and 1879 . . .	4 13
Joshua Curtis estate, taxes of 1878 and 1879 . . .	8 19
George H. Lee, tax of 1879 . . .	1 00
E. E. Gunderway, tax of 1879 . . .	1 00
G. W. Stetson, tax of 1879 . . .	1 68
John Stockbridge, tax of 1879 . . .	1 68
Calvin Cromwell, tax of 1879 . . .	1 00
Orlando C. Prouty, tax of 1879 . . .	78
Herbert Sprague, tax of 1879 . . .	1 68
Alfred B. Litchfield, tax of 1880 . . .	70
Alphonzo Reed, tax of 1880 . . .	95
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Total . . .	\$61 51
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Summary of Expenses for the Year.

1	Incidental expenses . . .	\$813 15
2	Almshouse expenses . . .	1,507 29
3	School-books and supplies . . .	365 59
4	Repairs of roads and bridges . . .	2,308 79

5	Town officers and committees	\$630 26
6	Taxes abated and given up	61 50
7	Assistance to out-door poor	1,660 50
8	Gravel and drain-pipe	138 04
9	State aid and military aid	737 00
10	Removing snow	12 50
11	Incidentals for schools	92 00
12	State tax	930 00
13	County tax	1,227 45
Total		<u>\$10,484 07</u>

Financial Condition of the Town, January 1, 1882.

LIABILITIES.

Note in favor of South Scituate Savings Bank	\$3,170 00
David B. Ford	1,025 00
Nathan Cushing	1,000 00
Ebenezer Stetson estate	200 00
Harvey T. Sylvester	200 00
Charles W. Sylvester	470 00
Joseph C. Tolman	300 00
Nathaniel Turner	300 00
R. V. C. Turner	575 00
Joseph T. Litchfield	1,325 00
Interest due on notes to date	160 00
Estimated amount of outstanding bills and orders	1,000 00
Total	<u>\$9,725 00</u>

It will be seen that the Coffin Fund is not entered as one of the liabilities of the present year. The Deputy Tax Commissioner, Hon. Charles Endicott, to whom we have to make a return of the financial standing of the town, claims that it should not be entered as a liability.

ASSETS.

Outstanding taxes in hands of Collector	\$5,379 52
Cash in hands of Treasurer	2,796 96
Due from State for State and military aid	727 50
Due from towns for aid to paupers	305 58
Due from State for aid to paupers	147 25
School-books in hands of agents (estimated)	200 00
Due from State for corporation and bank taxes	25 00
Estimated amount due from School fund of 1881	225 00
Estimated amount of dog tax for 1881	125 00
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Total	\$9,931 81
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Balance in favor of the town, \$206.81.

Assessors' Department.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN, MAY 1, 1881.

Real estate	\$678,904 00
Personal estate	258,337 00
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Total	\$937,241 00

Increase from 1880, \$52,723.00.

Rate of taxation on \$1,000, \$9.50.

Number of Polls, 506 ; dwelling-houses, 414 ; cows, 275 ; horses, 351 ; sheep, 35 ; acres of land, 12,285.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. LITCHFIELD,	} <i>Selectmen,</i>
F. H. CURTIS,	
H. A. TURNER,	

Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF COFFIN FUND.

Amount of fund	\$2,000 00.
Cash on hand January 1, 1881, interest	\$50 00
Received of E. T. Fogg, treasurer, interest	100 00
Total	<u>\$150 00</u>

There has been paid out as follows:—

Elizabeth Pinson	\$14 00
Andrew Green and wife	13 50
Benjamin Litchfield	12 50
Sarah E. Harris	3 00
Mary Monahon	15 00
Mary Ford	14 00
Patrick Spellman	15 00
Thomas Mee, care of lot	3 00
Cash paid for shubbery	5 75
	<u>95 00</u>
Balance on hand January 1, 1882	\$54 25

C. A. LITCHFIELD, } Trustees
 F. H. CURTIS, } of
 H. A. TURNER, } Coffin Fund.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1882.

E. T. FOGG, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF SOUTH
SCITUATE.

Dr.

To balance due January 1, 1881	\$6,386 43
Cash received from School Fund of 1880	231 22
Cash received from county on account of mill-dam	435 00
Town of Framingham, support of poor	22 00
Town of Scituate, support of poor	200 80
City of Taunton, support of poor	39 75
Schooling of Wright and Jacobs to April 1	18 00
Schooling of H. Wright to December 1, 1880	6 00
Sale of fish-rights	49 00
Town of Hanover, gravel	3 42
H. A. Turner, lantern	80
Town of Hingham, support of poor	5 50
Town of Hingham, schooling to April 1, 1881	21 00
Balance of corporation tax refunded	66 57
Balance of bank tax refunded	12 25
State, on account of State paupers	214 68
Sale of town flats	72 90
Note South Scituate Savings Bank	1,215 00
Sale of cow	40 00
Peddlers' licenses	12 00
Corporation tax of 1881 refunded	1,955 93
Bank tax of 1881 refunded	1,800 26

To Town of Canton, support of poor	\$16 00
State aid and relief of indigent soldiers . . .	828 00
Town of West Bridgewater, support of poor . .	80 60
Town of Kingston, support of poor. . . .	6 00
E. T. Fogg, sale of school-books	101 61
C. Jacobs, schooling	9 00
H. Wright, schooling	9 00
N. Whiting, schooling	3 00
C. H. Totman, clock	50
Town of Marshfield, support of poor	22 65
R. W. Killam, sale of school-books	88 11
Cash from trustees of Coffin Fund on account of bill paid	14 00
Charles W. Sparrell, use of hearse	32 00
Interest on taxes	67 15
Town of Hingham, support of poor	298 62
Assessment of May 1, 1881	9,916 32
Total	\$24,301 07

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By cash paid as follows :—

Notes and interest	\$2,591 89
State tax	930 00
County tax	1,227 45
Scituate tax	13 87
Discount on prompt payment of taxes . . .	165 43
Treasurer's salary	100 00
Selectmen's orders, town allowances, and school bills	11,095 95
Amount of outstanding taxes	5,379 52
Cash in treasury to balance	2,796 96
Total	\$24,301 07

EBENEZER T. FOGG,

Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, a committee to settle with the Treasurer, have examined the foregoing account, and find it correct and properly vouched.

CHARLES A. LITCHFIELD,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
F. H. CURTIS,		
HENRY A. TURNER,		

LIST OF JURORS.

List of jurors for acceptance or revision by the town at its annual meeting.

William S. Briggs,
Seth H. Vinal,
David Stoddard,
Alphonzo Reed,
Isaac H. Packard,
Charles N. Gardner,
E. T. Fogg,
F. E. Stowell,
Samuel Turner,
Thomas Barstow,
U. H. Percival,
George H. Bates,
John Corthell,
David T. Stoddard,
Liba Litchfield,

Joseph H. Corthell,
William Prouty, Jr.,
Nathaniel Ellms,
Waldo Jones,
Henry T. Jenkins,
J. G. Briggs,
Freeman Higgins,
Henry F. Vining,
E. W. Brooks,
Samuel Tolman, Jr.,
Henry A. Turner,
Samuel Loring,
Thomas B. Waterman,
Edwin A. Turner.

Births Registered in South Scituate for the Year 1881.

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1877			
February	7	John Henry Beverstock	Henry F. and Olive A.
1881			
February	21	John Henry O'Donnell	Thomas and Catherine.
March	3	Lillian F. Williamson	Lucy E. Williamson.
	14	Alice Maud Chamberlain	George F. and Almira A.
	18	Charles Edward French	Charles H. and Ada F.
	20	Earnest Henry Stoddard	James E. and Hattie E.
	24	Julia Lizzie Damon	Charles H. and Maria B.
	26	Oscar Franklin Lee	George H. and Rhoda V.
April	9	Minnie Martha Wyman	Frank and Eliza.
	10	Charles Edward Beverstock	Henry F. and Olive A.
	13	Isabella Dagen	John and Susan A.
May	14	Roy Phillips Hatch	Israel and Josephine.
June	0	Carrie Louisa Winslow	Rufus and Eliza A.
	27	Susie Mariam Stockbridge	Andrew and Anna M.
	27	Belle Fremont Wilder	John F. and Dora L.
July	3	Eurilla Atwood Shaw	Elmer H. and Caroline.
	15	William Hobart	Winslow and Harriet A.
	31	John William Osborn	John C. F. and Louisa C.
	31	Roy Eranklin Vining	Henry F. and Eliza A.
August	28	Mary Louisa Cromwell	Harriet L. Cromwell.
September	2	— Litchfield	L. Clarence and Harriet M.
	26	Lucy Maud Turner	Miles S. and Anna.
October	4	Nellie Norton Litchfield	George W. and Nellie.
	7	Amy Wilder Curtis	Fred H. and Martha.
	8	Earnest Ward Jones	John H. and Mary A.
	11	Edith Bailey Capell	George N. and Hattie E.
November	13	— Franks	Henry and Maria L.
	18	Mary Smith	William R. and Mary E.
	14	Charles Sumner Johnson	Enoch H. and Margaret.
	28	— Vinal	William R. and Mary E.
December	6	Gracie Atherton Hunt	Charles E. and Emily M.
	7	Geraphelia Wilder	William E. and Lillie C.
	22	— Osborne	Levi and Julia M.
	24	Nora Sheer	James and Joan.
	25	— Hunt	William F. and Nellie M.
—	—	Alice Griggs	George and Lucretia.

List of Marriages Registered in South Scituate for the Year 1881.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
January 1	Thomas G. Brooks	South Scituate	Providence, R. I.	George A. Morse,
	Augusta M. Turner	South Scituate	South Scituate	Clergyman.
21	John F. Wilder	South Scituate	South Scituate	James E. Smith,
	Dora L. Hodges	Abington	Bridgewater.	Clergyman.
23	Edward C. Clapp	Holbrook	Boston	William H. Fish,
	Lizzie E. Kingsley	Holbrook	East Randolph	Pastor First Parish.
February 14	Charles F. Litchfield.	South Scituate	South Scituate	W. A. Spinney,
	Lydia A. Stoddard	South Scituate	Rockland	Pastor Baptist Church.
20	George N. Capell	South Scituate	South Scituate	W. Henry Brooks,
	Hattie E. Vinal	South Scituate	South Scituate	Rector St. Andrew's Ch.
30	Frank E. Damon	West Scituate	South Scituate	Andrew Read,
March	Meribah H. Johnson	West Scituate	Rockland	Clergyman.
9	Charles H. Dyer	South Hanover	South Hanover	W. Henry Brooks,
April	Ellen B. Stetson	South Scituate	South Scituate	Rector St. Andrew's Ch.
May 8	Frank E. Stowell	South Scituate	South Scituate	Andrew Read,
	Emeline F. Jacobs	South Scituate	South Scituate	Clergyman.
20	George E. Sylvester	Scituate	Scituate	Aaron Pratt,
	Mary A. Damon	South Scituate	South Scituate	Justice of the Peace.
25	Edward Freeman	South Scituate	South Scituate	Andrew Read,
	Mary J. Smith	South Scituate	Charlottesville, P.E.I.	Clergyman.
30	Joseph W. Morris, Jr.	Scituate	Scituate	W. H. Fish,
	Caroline T. Sylvester.	South Scituate	South Scituate	Pastor First Church.
June 4	George W. Smith	South Scituate	P. E. Island	W. H. Fish,
	Mary J. Dagen	South Scituate	Hanover	Pastor First Church.
5	Alonzo Stevens	Marshfield	Marshfield	W. H. Fish,
	Cora M. Sherman	Marshfield	East Boston	Pastor First Church.
21	William R. Smith, Jr.	South Scituate	P. E. Island	E. G. Babcock,
July	Katie Shepherd	South Scituate	Boston	Clergyman.

October	5	George H. Turner	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	Scituate.	.	John Osgood,
		Caroline E. Briggs	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	South Scituate	.	Clergyman.
November	6	Albert Merritt	.	.	.	.	Scituate	.	.	Scituate	.	W. Henry Brooks,
		Genevieve A. Knapp	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	South Scituate	.	Rector St. Andrew's Ch.
	9	Edward Vining	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	South Scituate	.	Jacob Baker,
		Maria B. Kane	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	Hanover	.	Clergyman.
	10	George Whiting	.	.	.	.	Boston	.	.	Hingham	.	W. H. Fish,
		Emmie W. Jacobs	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	South Scituate	.	Pastor First Church.
	23	Oscar H. Leavitt	.	.	.	.	Hanover	.	.	Hanover	.	W. H. Fish,
		Ella Howland	.	.	.	.	Hanover	.	.	Hanover	.	Pastor First Church.
	24	Mot: Carroll Cronwell	.	.	.	.	Rockland	.	.	Hyannis	.	David B. Ford,
		Fidella Louisa Stubbs	.	.	.	.	Rockland	.	.	Vermont	.	Clergyman.
	25	James F. Gurney	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	Rockland	.	W. H. Fish,
		Louisa L. Leavitt	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	Duxbury	.	Pastor First Church.
December	7	James H. Farrar	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	South Scituate	.	W. A. Spinney,
		Carrie Sears	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	South Scituate	.	Pastor Baptist Church.
	7	Samuel Tolman, Jr.	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	South Scituate	.	Alex Dight,
		H. Evie Leland	.	.	.	.	Holliston	.	.	Holliston	.	Clergyman.
	24	Will C. Young	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	South Scituate	.	W. H. Bolster,
		Carrie M. Brewster	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	Duxbury	.	Clergyman.
	25	Frederick W. Prouty	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	South Scituate	.	W. H. Fish,
		Celia P. Ford	.	.	.	.	South Scituate	.	.	Marshfield	.	Pastor First Church.
	26	Phillip A. Cushing	.	.	.	.	Hingham	.	.	Hingham	.	W. H. Fish,
		Hannah-E. Morris	.	.	.	.	Scituate.	.	.	Scituate	.	Pastor First Church.
	31	Emery A. Ewell	.	.	.	.	Marshfield	.	.	Marshfield	.	W. H. Fish,
		Jennie E. Rogers	.	.	.	.	Marshfield	.	.	Marshfield	.	Pastor First Church.

Deaths Registered in South Scituate for the Year 1881.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.		CAUSE OF D'TH.	BIRTHPLACE.
		Y	M		
January	3 Josiah Cushing . . .	76		Tumor . .	South Scituate.
	4 Lucy Cudworth . . .	88	7	Old age . .	Pembroke.
	9 Seth G. Humphrey . .	65	9	Paralysis .	N. Yarmouth, Me
	11 Mary A. Hatch . . .	64	9	Pneumonia .	Chisester, N. H.
	14 ——— Thompson . . .			Congenital .	South Scituate.
	19 Arthur N. Beach . . .	20	6	Consumption .	Duxbury.
February	30 Shiverick Turner . . .	92	2	Old age . .	South Scituate.
	15 John T. Talbot . . .	53		Abscess . .	W. Bridgewater.
	24 Hannah B. Vinal . . .	86	7	C'ng'st'n l'ngs	Hanover.
March	10 George H. Briggs . . .	65	6	Meningitis .	South Scituate.
	14 Ebenezer Stetson . . .	93	5	Old age . .	South Scituate.
	15 Sophronia Crosby . .	43	2	Pneumonia .	Weymouth.
	24 Flora T. Franks . . .		9	Consumption .	Hanover.
	26 Heurietta L. Hatch . .	34	9	Cancer . .	Hingham.
	April 10 Temperance Clapp . .	74	7	Heart disease.	South Scituate.
April	20 Betsey Flint . . .	73	8	Apoplexy .	South Scituate.
	23 Floretta Davis . . .	26	10	Consumption .	South Scituate.
May	10 Asa Rideout . . .	74	2	Paralysis .	Hollis, N. H.
	12 Ambrose N. Beach . .	43		Consumption .	Hanover.
	24 Lydia E. Fitts . . .	3	3	Meningitis .	South Scituate.
June	22 Lucy P. Williams . . .	86	4	Pneumonia .	Dartmouth.
July	9 Alfred Tolman . . .	17	5	Diabetes . .	South Scituate.
	13 Jacob Talbot . . .	39		Typhoid fever	Quincy.
August	19 Oscar F. Lee . . .		5	B'w'l C'mpln't	South Scituate.
	31 Parker Warren Tisdale .	3	7	Cholera Intf. .	Hingham.
September	4 Peter Hart . . .	72	4	Hepatitis .	Worcester.
October	4 Nellie Litchfield . . .	29		Convulsions .	Quebec.
	12 Howard F. Corthell . .	1	2	Croup . .	South Scituate.
	15 Albert Nichols . . .	29		Hemorrhage .	South Scituate.
	27 Deidamia Ramsdell . .	84	3	Pneumonia .	Raynham.
November	4 Elias S. Carr . . .	73	9	Dropsy . .	Corinth, Vt.
	9 Sarah Hadaway . . .	84		Paralysis .	Barnstable.
	16 John Gammon . . .	26	3	Consumption .	South Scituate.
	24 James Merritt . . .	56	2	C'ng'st'n l'ngs	South Scituate.
	26 William Lapham . . .	86	11	Nephritis .	South Scituate.
	29 Harriet Granderson . .	88	10	Dropsy . .	South Scituate.
	December 20 Lucy Ellen Dorr . . .	33	7	T. pneumonia	South Scituate.
	31 John Newcomb . . .	84	5	Old age . .	Maine.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF SOUTH SCITUATE,
FOR THE YEAR 1881.

REPORT.

The annual report of the School Committee of South Scituate is herewith respectfully submitted. Mr. J. T. Hartt was elected to membership of this Board at annual March town meeting. The organization of the Committee has been as follows: S. S. Knapp, Chairman; Mrs. Emily T. Jacobs, Secretary.

The recommendation of the town that there be placed on file at the office of the Selectmen, a copy of the last annual report of the School Committee, a copy of the Secretary's records, and the registers used in the schools during the previous year, has been complied with.

The salaries of teachers have remained as last year, viz.: maximum to gentlemen, \$10.00 per week; to ladies, \$8.00 per week; to primary teachers, \$5.00 per week. Gentlemen have been employed at \$9.00 per week in all cases save that of Mr. Franklin Jacobs, at District No. 2, who has received \$10.00 per week. It should be remarked that in some cases the salaries of teachers have been augmented by the contributions of districts in which they were employed.

It has seemed best to your Committee to increase the length of the school year, and accordingly schools will be in session thirty-seven and three-fifths weeks, instead of thirty-six weeks as last year.

The total expenditure for school purposes (exclusive of repairs and supervision) has been \$2,987.12, or 9.957 dollars for each pupil registered.

In addition to the usual incidental repairs, buildings in Districts Nos. 3, 4, and 5 have been painted, and building at District No. 7 has been shingled. A board fence has also been built on southern and eastern boundary of lot at No. 7. These repairs were made by order of the town at the annual March meeting, and were charged to the account of special appropriation of \$300.00 made at that time. The materials used were of best quality. Work was done by the

day under the supervision of Mr. J. T. Hartt. It was intended to repair desks at District No. 3, but repairs would have cost from \$40.00 to \$50.00, and it did not appear that the desks would be worth that amount when repaired. New desks would cost \$100.00. The balance of appropriation being insufficient to meet such an expenditure, and your Committee, not wishing to exceed it, have taken no action relative to a change. Below is appended an account of expenditure of appropriation.

Appropriation	\$300 00
Paid Brooklyn White Lead Company . .	\$36 56
Dexter Brothers, Boston	19 52
E. P. Welch & Son, Scituate	87 03
T. A. Lawrence, South Scituate	53 23
Seth Foster, South Scituate	2 05
E. P. Welch & Son, Scituate	9 80
S. & D. W. Turner, South Scituate . .	37 06
Joseph T. Hartt	10 00
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Unexpended balance	\$44 75

Changes in the corps of teachers have been more frequent during the year than is desirable. Resignations have occurred for various causes, and in some instances delays in opening the school-terms have been occasioned. The schools are now, however, under charge of experienced and successful instructors.

The average number of pupils registered (see Abstract of Registers, page 46) has been 300.3. That is, 305 were registered for winter term, 278 for spring term, and 309 for fall term. The average number belonging has been 277.3, while the average daily attendance has been 228.3, or 82.5 per cent. of the number belonging.* It will be noticed that but 76 and a fraction per cent. of the number of pupils who were registered have been in daily attendance. This is probably not materially lower than has been usual,

*The difference between being "registered" and "belonging to a school" should be carefully noted. The pupil is registered when he enters a school. If, however, he withdraws from school with no purpose of re-entering during the term, and gives notice of the same, but subsequently re-enters the school, he shall not be counted as *belonging* to the school during such absence.

but it appears to your Committee to be lower than it should be. If but three-fourths of the pupils who attend school can be found there on any day (and so the Registers read), it is obvious that the best possible results cannot be attained. The loss is twofold, (1) to the pupil absenting himself and (2) to his companions. If a pupil is absent for a day, he loses the instruction of the day. On the morrow the teacher must necessarily explain to him, in part, the work of the preceding day, and time is taken which should be devoted to present duties. It is a noticeable fact that as a rule those pupils who most need the instruction of the school-room are most frequently absent. Pupils who take an active interest in school-work are seldom absent. Those who find a ready excuse for non-attendance are seldom much given to study when at school. There are many necessary absences, but there are in nearly every school, boys or girls who are known to teachers as habitual absentees, who avoid attendance, and when present take but little interest in their studies. There are perhaps as many unnecessary tardinesses as absences. Some parents furnish excuses when there is no good cause, and some children are known to write them themselves. Such pupils are the cause of much anxiety to the teacher. They are well known to communities in which they live. It is for the good of any village that its residents look personally after the interests of the children. Teachers know of many who are in need of assistance. Children are known to this Committee who have remained away from school from lack of proper clothing, or who have attended school scantily clad. "The child is father to the man." The ignorant man cannot fill a sphere of usefulness; he may be a factor for evil. There are in every school-district young men who will be no honor to the town. They have neglected the school. They have ruled at home. There are boys fast verging into young manhood who show no promise of future usefulness. Is it not a common remark that such a boy will make a bad man? Is it not the duty of the true citizen to exert an influence over such which shall lead to a higher conception of life and its duties? If such a conception be lacking in the parent, let it be implanted in the child by the kindly influences of his neighbors.

It may be of interest here to note the number of visitors in the various schools as recorded by the teachers during the year. This includes visits by the Committee: —

	Winter Term.	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Total.
Number 1 Primary	*33	16	23	72
Number 1 Grammar	24	17	27	68
Number 2 Primary	3	19	9	31
Number 2 Grammar	4	15	10	29
Number 3	3	16	5	24
Number 4	4	11	3	18
Number 5	9	21	15	45
Number 6	7	8	5	20
Number 7 Primary	5	10	11	26
Number 7 Grammar	5	20	13	28

It is commented by teachers that a larger part of visitors are young people not parents. A teacher of a primary school remarks that during the three years that she has been teaching, but four parents have visited her school at other times than on examination days, and she has a daily attendance of twenty-three children from five to eleven years of age. The value of visits by those interested in school-work cannot be over-estimated. Pupils are accustomed thereby to recitations to others than the teacher; they are more careful in the framing of sentences if reciting to strangers, and are given an additional interest if it is known that visitors may call at any time and listen to their recitations.

The ages of pupils vary from five to sixteen. There are in attendance at the present time one under five, eighteen who are fifteen, and two who are sixteen years of age. The last annual report suggested the fact that there should be a larger attendance of pupils who are fifteen years of age and upwards. It has been argued that children know more at fifteen at the present time than we or our fathers did at a maturer age. Observation has not con-

*This includes visitors on examination-day.

vinced us that such is the fact in our town. Your Committee urge this point: that our youth be given as good opportunities for learning as possible, and that they in turn may make best possible use of advantages afforded. Pupils leave our primary schools and enter the grammar grade at about ten or eleven years of age. Not many remain in school after they are fifteen. A pupil of good ability is of course prepared to enter a High School at fifteen years of age. Some of ours do. There are at the present time five attending Hanover Academy, one at the Hanover High School, and two at the Rockland High School. There are others in attendance at other institutions, but we are not informed of their number.

It should be remembered that though our schools are of primary and grammar grades, subjects are taught which properly belong to the High School. This is particularly true of the graded schools. Among such studies are Algebra, Geometry, Book-keeping, Physical Geography, Natural Philosophy, and the more advanced study of grammatical analysis. The work properly belonging to the first year's course of a High School is done in some of our grammar schools. It is done, too, without loss to the grammar grade proper. But to receive the advantages of such studies, pupils must remain in school until they are fitted to pursue them. The teacher has much to do with the pupil. If the teacher be interested in school-work, has tact, is himself a student, and possesses a happy faculty of imparting interest to the pupils, they remain in school much longer than under less favorable circumstances. Again, in an ungraded school the more advanced studies cannot of necessity be attended to so well as in graded. The diversity of ages does not permit of it. That these facts may be the more apparent, we present the following table: —

	DISTRICTS.						
	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7
Number of children in district between 5 and 15	62	60	35	29	44	31	61
Number attending school who are 15 years of age	4	7	0	1	3		0
Number attending school who are 16 years of age	0	1	0	1	0	0	0

If, as has been shown, so much is dependent on the character and ability of the teacher, it becomes the duty of every incumbent of the teacher's office to look well to his or her own qualifications. Anticipate the pupil. Impart a spirit of inquiry after fact and principle. Let your character be the fit example for younger minds. Incompetency or the least indication of a lack of moral rectitude should awaken a spirit of dissatisfaction which should demand the prompt removal of such a teacher. But again, judgment should not be hastily reached. Nor should the parent express to the child a dislike for or distrust of the teacher. Satisfy yourself that a teacher is in error and communicate with him or those who employ him. But to return to the table. It appears that a graded grammar school offers to its pupils advantages superior to the ungraded, and that pupils become aware of the fact and remain in such a school to a maturer age than in the ungraded. It was shown in the last annual report that districts Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6 have no graded school and enjoy inferior advantages to districts 1, 2, or 7. It was mentioned that one or two graded grammar schools located in a position easy of access to children of these districts would be of great advantage to the districts. The plan is again suggested for your consideration.

Teachers are requested to enforce the statute requiring vaccination of all children attending school. The general prevalence of small-pox throughout the country demands that particular precaution be taken at this time.

The agency for school-books at West Scituate is transferred on this date to the store of Mr. Beverstock. The transfer is made in consideration of a petition for the agency by Mr. Beverstock, in which he represents that he is a citizen paying taxes, whereas the former agent was not a resident or tax-payer of the town.

Your Committee do not report perfection as existing in the schools during the year. Possibilities for improvement have suggested themselves which lead us to their adoption or to endeavors for their gradual introduction. The study of free-hand drawing has been introduced with success into some of our schools during the year. Teachers are always advised that a thorough understanding of principles is to be inculcated. We find room for improvement in reading in many of our schools. Pupils should understand

thoroughly the subject matter to be read, and should be taught to render as the speaker or writer would have done.

With the fact previously emphasized that the graded schools have superior advantages, it is unnecessary to state that in them the best results are attained. This is as true of primary as of grammar grades. Observation of the schools leads us to a deep interest in them and to renewed exertions for their further improvement.

We recommend an appropriation for the ensuing year of \$2,800.00 for school purposes, and of \$250.00 for repairs, \$100.00 of which to be expended in re-seating the school-house at District No. 3. The universal co-operation and courtesy of teachers, parents, and pupils is acknowledged.

S. S. KNAPP,
EMILY T. JACOBS,
JOSEPH T. HARTT.

SOUTH SCITUATE, January 1, 1882.

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES.

DISTRICT No. 1.

A. D. Hopkins, for teaching 25 weeks at \$9.00 per week	\$225 00	
A. C. Blaisdell, for teaching 11 3-5 weeks at \$9.00 per week	104 40	
Sarah B. Jacobs, for teaching 36 weeks at \$5.00 per week	180 00	
B. M. Young, for wood and fitting	23 00	
George Cowing, for sweeping and making fires	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$547 40

DISTRICT No. 2.

Franklin Jacobs, for teaching 37 3-5 weeks at \$10.00 per week :	\$376 00	
Lina F. Jacobs, for teaching 13 weeks at \$5.00 per week	65 00	
Sophronia L. Curtis, for teaching 22 2-5 weeks at \$5.00 per week	112 00	
R. Isabel Studley, for teaching 6 days at \$5.00 per week	6 00	
Edwin Jacobs, for wood and fitting	27 90	
C. O. Sanborn, sweeping and making fires	15 00	
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DISTRICT No. 3.

Mary A. Litchfield, for teaching 36 3-5 weeks at \$8.00 per week	\$292 80
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E. R. Studley, for wood and fitting . . .	\$16 25	
Stoddard and Richardson, for sweeping and making fires	8 00	
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DISTRICT No. 4.

Carrie Sears, for teaching 38 3-5 weeks at \$8.00 per week	\$308 80	
E. R. Studley, for wood and fitting . . .	16 25	
Edward Williamson, for sweeping and mak- ing fires	5 00	
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DISTRICT No. 5.

Frank W. Brett, for teaching 36 3-5 weeks at \$9.00 per week	\$329 40	
S. C. Cudworth, for wood and fitting . . .	12 60	
C. Walter Sparrell, for sweeping and making fires	8 00	
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DISTRICT No. 6.

J. Q. A. Pettengill, for teaching 24 4-5 weeks at \$9.00 per week	\$223 20	
Frank Jones, for teaching 11 3-5 weeks at \$8.00 per week	92 80	
S. C. Cudworth, for wood and fitting . . .	12 60	
Gussie Litchfield, for sweeping and making fires	6 00	
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DISTRICT No. 7.

M. Anna Tolman, for teaching 37 3-5 weeks at \$8.00 per week	\$300 80	
Charlotte E. Winslow, for teaching 37 3-5 weeks at \$5.00 per week	188 00	

William C. Tolman, for wood and fitting	\$13 32	
L. B. Stetson, for sweeping and making fires	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$506 12
Total expenditures		\$2,987 12

AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Annual town appropriation	\$2,800 00	
Received from State Fund	231 22	
Dog fund for 1881	143 33	
H. Wright of Hanover, for tuition of C. Wright at District No. 2, to Dec. 1, '80	15 00	
C. Jacobs of Hanover, for tuition of Addie M. Jacobs at District No. 2, to April 1, 1880	9 00	
Town of Hingham, for tuition of pupils at District No. 3	21 00	
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Total amount of available funds	\$3,219 55	
Total expenditures	2,987 12	
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Unexpended balance		\$232 43

The following amounts were received subsequent to January 1, 1882, and hence cannot properly be considered as available for the year 1881:—

From H. Wright, for tuition of C. Wright to December 1, 1881	\$9 00	
Nathan Whiting, for tuition of his son at District No. 2 to December 1, 1881	3 00	
Charles Jacobs, for tuition of Addie M. Jacobs at District No. 2	9 00	
Sale of clock and chair	75	
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Total		\$21 75

SCHOOL-BOOK ACCOUNT.

Books on hand January 1, 1881 . . .	\$239 15	
Books delivered to agents . . .	238 90	
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Books on hand January 1, 1882 . . .	\$214 28	
Sold on credit . . .	44 24	
Agents' commissions . . .	26 36	
Error in account of January 1, 1881 . . .	3 45	
Cash to balance paid to treasurer . . .	189 72	
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Abstract of Registers.

SCHOOLS.	WINTER TERM.			SUMMER TERM.			FALL TERM.		
	Whole number registered.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of attendance.	Whole number registered.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of attendance.	Whole number registered.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of attendance.
District No. 1, Primary .	27	22.6	83+	32	26.7	83+	21	18.6	88+
District No. 1, Grammar .	28	25.7	91+	26	21.3	81+	37	25	65+
District No. 2, Primary .	36	21	58+	36	28.2	78+	34	26	76+
District No. 2, Grammar .	33	28.4	86+	31	22	70+	33	28.4	86+
District No. 3	32	26	81+	27	22.3	82+	28	21.2	75+
District No. 4	32	24.6	76+	30	17.3	57+	27	19.6	72+
District No. 5	39	30.6	78+	34	26.6	78+	40	32.3	80+
District No. 6	28	18.3	65+	28	19.8	70+	31	22.5	72+
District No. 7, Primary .	22	14.7	66+	22	15	68+	34	24.6	72+
District No. 7, Grammar .	28	22.2	79+	21	16.2	77+	24	18.9	78+
Total	305	234.1	76.7	287	215.4	75+	309	237.1	76+

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